

IT ISN'T often that the mob spirit is aroused in the hearts of peace loving and law abiding Kansans.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Unsettled tonight and Friday; warmer in the west tonight and in the east Friday.

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CONVICT MOBILE BISSSELL-ROSECRUTE TOPEKANIS

Interference of Deputy Wardens All That Saved Topekan From Anger of Lansing Prisoners

PRISONERS IN A FRENZY BISSSELL GUARDED RINEHART INTO MIXUP

NO SATISFACTION IN MOB ATTEMPT AT MAN'S LIFE!

Mutterings From Cell to Cell Worries Head State Prison.

Bissell Is Taken Beyond Walls During the Noon Hour.

GUARDS RESCUED SUSPECT

"We'll Finish This Job for Topeka," Prisoners Cry Out.

Sheriff Kiene and Prison Officials Watch Every Move.

WILD RIDE FOR HIM LAST NIGHT

Automobiles Chased Sheriff Lawrence to Tonganoxie.

Drug Clerk From Topeka Will Go to Identify the Accused.

BY EINEST TUCKER (State Journal Staff Correspondent.)

Lansing, Kan., April 27.—Mutterings against Fred Bissell, alleged slayer of Edna Dinsmore, are becoming more insistent each hour and Warden Coddling has doubled his guards in the cell house where Bissell is being confined in a solitary cell.

During the noon hour, while the men were at dinner, Bissell was removed to the warden's office, which is outside of the prison walls and is separated from the prisoners by two heavy iron doors and an armed guard. However, there was no demonstration.

Driven to a frenzy by the story of the brutal assault and murder of Edna Dinsmore at Topeka, convicts at the state prison here this morning attempted to enact the same revenge planned by Topeka residents.

Use of Clubs.

It was only by the use of clubs in the hands of Deputy Warden Lindsey and a corps of prison guards that a mob formed in the "bull pen" of the prison was driven away from the door of a cell house in which Fred Bissell, accused murderer of the Dinsmore girl, was confined in an isolated cell.

Hardly had the prisoners learned that Bissell had entered the prison at midnight than threats were heard on all sides against his life. An extra guard was thrown into the "bull pen" where the men are lined up, preparatory for breakfast and work.

"Let's get the — — — We'll finish the job for Topeka," were some of the remarks heard.

Suddenly one convict in line raised his hand and shouted just before they marched into the breakfast room.

"Come on, boys, let's do it now."

Charged Them Off.

The line began to surge and the guards with clubs swinging rushed out the man who had incited the mob, grabbed him and dragged the fellow to an isolated cell.

Threats and pleadings of the officers finally availed and the men were quieted and hurried into the breakfast room at the mess hall.

Officials here admit their apprehension for violence against Bissell. His record is known here and it is one of

Mayor House Will Call Militia Out To Protect Bissell

"As long as I am mayor of Topeka I never want to see mob violence occur in Topeka and will do all in my power to avoid it," said Mayor House this morning. Last night about 9:40 I called the sheriff of Lawrence on the long distance phone and notified him that a mob from Topeka was on its way to take Bissell from him but he assured me that Bissell was then on his way to Lansing and I felt greatly relieved.

"What about his return for trial, do you think sentiment will have cooled down sufficiently by that time so there will be no danger?" he was asked.

"For a crime like this people never fully cool off and there will be danger but when Bissell returns for trial we will have the militia called out to guard him and I will see that this is done."

Another city commissioner who was present when the mayor was talking said: "You're mighty right. Sentiment will not cool down about this affair for no father with a little child will ever be able to forget it, and I don't really believe it will ever be safe for Bissell to be brought back to Topeka for trial unless he is strongly guarded."

"We will see to that end of it when he is brought back," said the mayor.

CAPPER HELD UP

Governor Would Not Sign Papers to Revoke Citizenship.

Fears Action Would Be Taken as Presumption of Guilt.

After formal notices revoking the citizenship papers of Fred Bissell had been prepared today, Governor Capper declined to sign the documents. The action would have meant Bissell's retention at the state penitentiary under old charges until the state was ready to try the man in Topeka for the murder of 9 year old Edna Dinsmore. Bissell's freedom at the time of the trip, officers of assault, murder and arson, was due to a parole by the state board of corrections and the subsequent issuance of citizenship papers by the governor.

Bissell's freedom in view of his unusual prison record and alleged inhuman crimes, has been of puzzle to hundreds of Topeka people. His release from the state penitentiary nineteen months ago, was his minimum.

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MEE UNION MEN

Conference Today on Railroad Brotherhoods' Demands.

Railroad Companies and the Unions Represented.

Chicago, April 27.—Three men, representing practically all the railroads of the country, and four others, representing approximately 250,000 railroad traffic employees, are to meet today to arrange for conferences between the two factions at which the trainmen's demands for an eight hour day and time and a half for overtime pay are to be discussed. J. W. Higgins of Chicago, J. C. Walker of New York and Charles P. Neill of Washington will represent respectively western, eastern and southern lines controlling an aggregate of 250,000 miles of railroad.

W. L. Lee, president of the trainmen's brotherhood, W. S. Stone, of the engineers, W. B. Carter, of the firemen, and A. B. Garretson, of the conductors, will represent the men of their respective brotherhoods.

The ultimatum of the employees, calling for a written reply to their demands expires next Saturday. It is stated, however, by officials of the General Managers' association that practically all the railroads have already refused the demands. Neither side has shown any disposition to arbitrate.

BASEBALL TODAY

American League.

Boston at New York—Game postponed; wet grounds.

National League.

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh—Game postponed; wet grounds.

Brooklyn at Philadelphia—Game postponed; wet grounds.

KIENE WILL GO TO BOTTOM OF CITY MOB PLOT

Sheriff Promises to Stir Up Prosecutions for Topekans.

Issues Stirring Statement From Headquarters at "Pen."

DR. RINEHART IS MENTIONED

Sheriff Cummings Says He Made Sensational Statements.

Kiene Dumbfounded—Rinehart Gives Out General Denial.

"BISSSELL MAY NOT BE GUILTY"

Sheriff of Shawnee Urges People of Topeka To Be Calm.

Would Not Have Name of Capital City Blood-Stained.

State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kan., April 27.—That J. H. Rinehart, coroner of Shawnee county, second in authority to the sheriff, was a ring leader of the Topeka mob, that stormed the jail at Lawrence last night, was the statement made by Sheriff Cummings of Douglas county, to Sheriff L. Kiene by telephone this morning.

Rinehart stated, said Cummings, over the telephone that any man who would try to protect a man like Bissell deserved to have his own daughter treated like little Edna Dinsmore was treated.

Kiene was dumbfounded by the information. "Why that man is sworn to enforce the law the same as I am," he said. "The coroner is the only official who can arrest a sheriff if he should go wrong."

Kiene declared that he would make an immediate investigation upon his return to Topeka and that he would arrest warrants for the ring leaders in the mob. He declared Shawnee county had no need, as an officer, of a man who would lead a mob and incite to mob violence. Sheriff Kiene is deeply affected by developments in Topeka, since he left last night, and asked that the State Journal make the following statement for him:

"I am not so much interested in the life of a convict as I am in protecting the good name of Kansas and Topeka. So long as I am an officer of Shawnee county and the state of Kansas, no man will be lynched who is under my protection, if it is possible for me to prevent it. Let this be made perfectly clear. Bissell has not confessed and is just as vehement in denying his connection with this horrible crime as he was when first taken into custody.

"There are circumstances that indicate he may not be the guilty man, though I firmly believe he is guilty of such an outrage, but the law says he is entitled to a fair trial and he is going to get it if we can secure it for him. I have been told that at least one officer charged with the enforcement of the law took a leading part in last night's demonstration and made threats against me, personally, for doing my sworn duty.

"I intend upon my return to Topeka to make a thorough investigation and I shall ask for warrants for him and the other leaders. I do not believe that Shawnee county or the state of Kansas has any need of that kind of officers.

"No one can deplore this horrible crime more than myself for I have young children of my own but we cannot bring back to life the innocent victim of this inhuman monster, whoever he is, and I shall do all in my power to protect this prisoner and see that the rights of the law is upheld.

"The people should have the same degree of confidence that they will do absolute justice to any one charged with crime as I myself have. The people themselves cannot afford to do anything to prevent the administration of justice."

Rinehart Denies It.

Dr. J. H. Rinehart emphatically

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LAWRENCE QUIET FOLLOWING VISIT OF TOPEKA'S MOB

It Was a Big Night for "Hosts" to Fred Bissell.

Not Until 2 A. M. Was "Neck-Tie Party" Satisfied.

SUSPECT WAS NOT WORRIED

"They Know Me in Topeka," He Said in Deli to Officers.

Sheriff Rushed Prisoner Away, Avoiding Lynching Bee.

Lawrence, Kan., April 27.—This city is quiet today after the departure of the mob of nearly two hundred persons who came here from Topeka, 20 miles away, with the avowed intention of taking Fred Bissell, alleged slayer of Edna Dinsmore, from the county jail here and lynching him. Reports that members of the mob had gone to Lansing where the accused man had been placed in the Kansas state penitentiary for safe keeping, were unfounded.

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CRISIS IS PAST?

Reach Agreement With Germany on U-Boat Raids.

Authentic Report in Berlin Today, Says Ackerman.

INSTRUCT U-BOAT COMMANDER

Negotiations Still On, but Danger Point Is Passed.

External Evidence of Changed Situation Is Seen.

Berlin (via Amsterdam), April 27.—The crisis in the German-American situation growing out of the submarine controversy has passed. There will be no rupture of diplomatic relations predicted on any developments to date. This statement is made today on most excellent authority.

Pending negotiations for a complete understanding. German submarine commanders will be given certain explicit instructions immediately. What these instructions will be is not known. They will be of such nature, however, as to furnish assurances that there will be no repetition of the acts complained of by the United States while negotiations are in progress.

Von Bernstorff Has Free Hand.

The high point of danger is said to have been reached and passed. Days ago, when the foreign office received certain information respecting the attitude of President Wilson. Opinion differs as to whether credit rests with Ambassador Bernstorff or Ambassador Gerard.

The former unquestionably has played an important part, since it is generally understood he was given a rather free hand in handling the negotiations. Although matters have not reached a complete settlement, there is a feeling of confidence here that Bernstorff will bring about a present situation since he has handled successfully earlier negotiations.

External evidence of the changed situation is manifest on all sides. The tense atmosphere of a few days ago has given place to an atmosphere of eager expectancy as to just what form the settlement will take. Delay due to minor local problems of the Bernstorff will postpone the sending of a formal reply to Washington for several days.

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DODD CAVALRY HOT ON TRAIL OF VILLA AGAIN

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SUNK BY MISTAKE

Dutch Warship Sent Down by British Fleet.

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Hail Nimrods! Sportsmen Off on Camel Hunt

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FEARS REVOLT FAILURE

Case Against Believes His Arrest Ends It—Insane Theory Circulated.

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